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TITLE OF INVENTION: ILLUMINATION SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY FOR EUV LITHOGRAPHY

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Effective October 1, 2003, 37 CFR 1.18 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) through (c) to read as set forth below

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Therese Barber

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 04 March 2002.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 30-58.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 04 March 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/705,662.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Interview Summary |

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d). The certified copy has been filed in parent Application No. 09/705,662, filed on 3 November 2000, now USPN 6,400,794.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement filed 16 May 2002 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each U.S. and foreign patent; each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

It is noted by the examiner that the copies of the two articles were not provided with the other publications. However, the examiner has initialed the US and foreign patent documents.

Examiner's Amendment

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Delete claim 30 and replace it with amended claim 30:

30 (amended)

-- ~~30~~ An illumination system for light having wavelengths ≤ 193 nm, comprising:

a first field raster element for receiving a first diverging portion of said light and directing a first bundle of said light; a second field raster element for receiving a second diverging portion of said light and directing a second bundle of said light, wherein said first field raster element is oriented at an angle with respect to said second field raster element to cause a center ray of said first bundle to intersect with a center ray of said second bundle at an image plane, wherein said first and second field raster elements produce secondary sources of said light; and an optical element for imaging said secondary sources of said light in an exit pupil, wherein said optical element is situated in a path of said light after said first and second field raster elements and before said image plane." --

Cancel claim 32. ✓

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Yankovich on 2 September 2003.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
5. Regarding claims 30-44, the claims are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the reason that although the prior art of record teaches an illumination system that utilizes wavelengths at 193 nm for EUV lithography, the prior art fails to teach or to reasonably suggest

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an illumination system for light that utilizes wavelengths ≤ 193 nm wherein the first field raster element receives a first diverging portion and directs a first bundle of the light; wherein the second field raster element receives a second diverging portion and directs a second bundle of light, whereby the first and second field raster elements are oriented at an angle which causes the center ray of the first bundle to intersect with the center ray of the second bundle at an image plane; wherein the first and second field raster elements produce the secondary sources of light; and wherein an optical element is utilized to image the secondary sources of light in an exit pupil, whereby the optical element is situated in the path of the light after the first and second field raster elements and before the image plane, as set forth in the claimed combination.

6. Regarding claims 45-49, the claims are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the reason that although the prior art of record teaches an illumination system that utilizes wavelengths at 193 nm for EUV lithography, the prior art fails to teach or to reasonably suggest an illumination system for light that utilizes wavelengths ≤ 193 nm wherein the first field raster element receives a first diverging portion and directs a first bundle of the light; wherein the second field raster element receives a second diverging portion and directs a second bundle of light, whereby the first and second field raster elements are oriented at an angle which cause the center ray of the first bundle to intersect with the center ray of the second bundle at an image plane; wherein the first and second field raster elements produce the secondary sources of light and have a positive optical power; wherein an optical element is utilized to image the secondary sources of light in an exit pupil, whereby the optical element is situated in the path of the light after the first and second field raster elements and before the image plane; wherein the illumination system produce images of the first and second field raster elements that are

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superimposed in the image plane and wherein the optical elements form a ring field in the image plane, as set forth in the claimed combination.

7. Regarding claims 50-52, the claims are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the reason that although the prior art of record teaches an illumination system that utilizes wavelengths at 193 nm for EUV lithography, the prior art fails to teach or to reasonably suggest an illumination system for light that utilizes wavelengths ≤ 193 nm for EUV lithography having a primary light source; a device that produces secondary light sources comprised of a first mirror and one or more first optical elements, which are arranged between the device and the image plane of the illumination system; wherein the first optical elements image the secondary light sources in the exit pupil of illumination system; wherein the device that produces the secondary light sources comprise a collector unit, wherein a diverging beam impinges on the collector unit, wherein the collector unit utilizes one or more second optical elements to collect the diverging beam, whereby the second optical element comprises a first mirror or lens that is divided into raster elements which are arranged to collect the diverging beam, as set forth in the claimed combination.

8. Regarding claims 53-58, the claims are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the reason that although the prior art of record teaches an illumination system that utilizes wavelengths at 193 nm for EUV lithography, the prior art fails to teach or to reasonably suggest an illumination system for light that utilizes wavelengths ≤ 193 nm wherein the first field raster element receives a first diverging portion and directs a first bundle of the light; wherein the second field raster element receives a second diverging portion and directs a second bundle of light, whereby the first and second field raster elements are oriented at an angle which causes the

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center ray of the first bundle to intersect with the center ray of the second bundle at an image plane; wherein the first and second field raster elements produce the secondary sources of light; wherein an optical element is utilized to image the secondary sources of light in an exit pupil, whereby the optical element is situated in the path of the light after the first and second field raster elements and before the image plane; and wherein the illumination system produces images of the first and second field raster elements that are superimposed in the image plane, as set forth in the claimed combination.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Schultz (USPN 6,570,166 B1) discloses an illumination system that utilizes wavelengths ≤ 193 nm comprised of a plurality of light sources, wherein the plurality of light sources are coupled together in order to illuminate the exit pupil of the illumination system up to a predetermined degree of filling.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Therese Barber whose telephone number is (703) 306-0205. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Glick can be reached on (703) 308-4858. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4900.

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4 September 2003


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